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Method and Apparatus for Providing Efficient

Password-Authenticated Key Exchange

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 20, 2005, Applicant presents the following remarks for consideration: